

# Independence School District HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS: STUDENTS/STAFF RETURNING TO SCHOOL/WORK AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

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Student/staff members who test positive for COVID-19 should not return to school/work until they have worked with the school nurse.

The nurse can approve students/staff to return if:

## SECTION A - SYMPTOMATIC



5 days have passed since the first symptom appeared. Symptoms include fever of 100 degrees or higher, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat or loss of taste or smell.



AND



Student/staff member is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symptoms should also be improving. Student/staff member should continue to wear a mask around others for five additional days.

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## SECTION B - ASYMPTOMATIC



If the student/staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 did not exhibit any symptoms (asymptomatic), the student/staff member should not return for 5 days after the test was conducted. If symptoms develop anytime within the 5 day window, please follow the guidance outlined in [Section A](#).